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Plans May Wedding



MISS SUSAN A. WALKER

Mrs. Eugene W. Walker, Sr., of Freeport, Me., and Eugene W. Walker, Sr., of Agawam, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan Adeline Walker, to William Robertson Fowlkes, Jr., of Highland Springs, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fowlkes, Sr.

Miss Walker is a 1969 graduate of Freeport High School.

Dr. Curtis' Offices Move To Main St.



DR. H. M. CURTIS

Dr. H. M. Curtis announces the move of his offices from 53 Springfield St. to the Professional Building at 100 Main St., Agawam.

He graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine "cum laude." His internship was spent with the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Curtis is on the staff at the Wesson Memorial Hospital, a member of the American Dental Association and the Mass. Dental Association.

He has been practicing dentistry in Agawam for six years.

She is employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Fowlkes is a 1966 graduate of Highland Springs High School. He is employed by the Henrico County Division of Fire.

A May 2nd wedding is planned.

Three Cub Pack 77 Scouts To Receive Parvuli Dei Award

Three boys from St. John the Evangelist Church Cub Pack will receive the Parvuli Dei award Sunday afternoon, the 15th, at 2 in St. Mary's Church, Page Blvd., Springfield.

The Parvuli Dei medal is the highest Catholic award in recognition of the spiritual growth of a boy in the Cub Scout program.

The recipients attended 12 weeks of classes in preparation for the awards. The class was taught by Connie MacFadden and reviewed by Phillippe Raiche.

Receiving the medals will be, Mark Pappas, Robert Papadakis and Robert Aubrey. All Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts should be at the church parking lot in Springfield at 1:30 p.m., to assemble and attend the ceremony to honor the boys receiving the award.

Jr. Women's Club Dinner Dance Sat.

The annual dinner dance sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held at Chez Josef, Agawam on Saturday evening, the 14th.

The Valentine Ball will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:30 to be followed by dinner at 7:30, dancing will follow to music provided by the Royale Tone.

Attire for the ball will be "Mini" or "Maxi" semi-formal.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Louis Mercadante. Members and guests are invited to attend.

Senior Citizens Card Party Friday

A Valentine card party for Agawam Senior Citizens will be held this Friday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center, 770 Main St., under the sponsorship of the Feeding Hills Girl Scout Troop 39. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 18, a lecture will be sponsored for the Senior Citizens by the Agawam Health Department, also at the Senior Center.

Appoint Binnenkade "Y" Youth Chairman

James H. Loomis, Jr., chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agawam YMCA, announced today that Mr. Robert Binnenkade of 23 Squire Lane has been appointed chairman of the YMCA's Youth Committee. Mr. Binnenkade is a member of the Board of Directors, a former



ROBERT BINNENKADE

Jaycee member, and a family member at the YMCA.

The purpose of the youth committee is to offer guidance and supervision in developing activities for boys and girls provided by the Agawam YMCA.

On Dean's List



BARRY W. SODEN

Barry W. Soden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Soden of 103 Fairview St., Agawam, has attained Dean's List Honors in his senior year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Barry, a graduate of Agawam High School in the class of 1966, was a member of the National Honor Society. He is majoring in Electrical Engineering and plans to go into the Motor Field of engineering after graduation in June of this year.

U.S. Rep. Conte Speaker At Republican Dinner



Photo and Story by JEAN W. TAYLOR

U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte was the speaker at the Agawam Republican Committee's seventh annual dinner Sunday evening at Betty's Old Towne House.

A plaque was given to William Bardwell in recognition of his many years of service as an elected official to the Town of Agawam on the Board of Assessors.

Photo above: U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte (seated on the left) was speaker Sunday at Betty's Old Town House for the Agawam Republican Committee. Richard

Brindle (seated on the right), Republican Town Committee Chairman, was master of ceremonies at the dinner. (Standing left to right) Frank Chriscola, Jr., chairman of the dinner, and Selectman George Reynolds.

U.S. Rep. Conte said, "The Vietnam War is the first and foremost issue with which this Administration must contend. Inflation comes next since it affects all Americans."

"To cut spending, the farm sub-

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Rev. Shea To Be Guest Speaker For Catholic Women's Meeting

Rev. Thomas M. Shea, guest speaker, will render as his topic "Christianity through Experience" at the meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam to be held Monday evening, the 16th, at 7:30.

Members will participate in an "Evening of Renewal" to be followed by a Folk Mass. Mrs. Robert Anderson is program chairman.

Rev. Shea was formerly of St. Thomas Parish, Palmer, and is now assistant in Annunciation Parish, Florence.

Mrs. Bruno Grabowski, hospitality chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. J. Frank Donovan, Mrs. Alfred Dugan, Mrs. John Glogowski, Mrs. Claude Guidetti, Mrs. Oscar Guidetti, Mrs. Arnold Jerry, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. John Meagher, Mrs. Victor Mor-

eno, Mrs. Anthony Natale, Mrs. Stella O'Malley, Mrs. Walter Picciak, and Mrs. Edgar Wilson.

Attains High Honors



GEORGE B. BICKFORD

George B. Bickford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bickford, 35 Elbert Rd., Agawam, made high honors this semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.

George is president of the freshman class and recently joined Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

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CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
 Rev. Ronald G. Oakland,
 Minister
 Mrs. Richard Fearn, Organist
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
 Sanctuary Choir Director
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
 Jr. Youth Choir Director
 Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Service of
 worship, Nursery for infants,
 Church School through Senior
 High; 10:30 — Coffee hour in
 Fellowship Hall; 6:30 p.m.—Jun-
 ior and Senior Youth Fellowship.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
 Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
 Church Secretary
 Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
 Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Senior
 Choir rehearse at church.
 Saturday: 7:30 p.m. Pioneer
 Valley Baptist Youth Associa-
 tion dance in Bodurtha Hall.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. MORNING
 WORSHIP—Rev. Lockhart will
 preach the sermon at worship
 service . . . Senior Choir sings
 10:30 a. m. Church School;
 5 p.m. Bell Choir rehearse at
 church; 6 p.m. Junior High and
 Senior BYF's meet at church.
 Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody
 Choir rehearse at church, and
 Mr. and Mrs. Club supper meet-
 ing in Bodurtha Hall; 7:45 p.m.
 Lenten meeting for Groups 1, 2,
 3 in the Church.
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post
 open; 7:45 p.m. Lenten meetings
 for Groups 4, 5 at the church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
 Mrs. Andrew Toussaint,
 Minister of Music
 Mrs. Lewis Moors,
 Church Secretary
 Thursday: 12 Noon, Ladies Aid
 luncheon and meeting—Program
 Slides and a talk by Mr. John
 Dickinson of Southwick, assisted
 by his wife, on South America,
 a People to People Goodwill Visit.
 Friday: 7 p.m. Boy Scout meet-
 ing; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 rehearsal.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. Youth Choir
 rehearsal.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Church

School, 5th Grade thru 12th
 Grade; 10:30 a.m. Church School,
 Nursery thru 4th Grade and
 Church at morning Worship. Mr.
 Bryan, preaching; 6 p.m. Junior
 United Church Youth Group;
 7 p.m. Senior United Church
 Group.
 Monday: 7 p.m. Cub Scout
 meeting.
 Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Church
 Council meeting.
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Senior
 Choir rehearsal.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
 Rev. Robert F. Berkey,
 Interim Minister
 Randall L. Nofall, Organist
 Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director
 Thursday: 7 p.m. Choir re-
 hearsal.
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Church School
 and kindergarten thru grade
 nine and Church at morning wor-
 ship.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
 Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
 Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
 Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Confessions.
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30
 a. m. Masses.
 Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
 Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
 Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.
 Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30
 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.
 MASS SCHEDULE
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
 and 5:30 p.m.
 Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30
 p.m.
 Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30
 and 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. An-
 thony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar
 Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Com-
 munion; 10 a.m. Festival Service;
 7 p.m. Evening prayer.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
 Rev. Albert Blanchard
 Saturday — 9 a.m., CCD class-
 es for Grades 1-6 at the Junior
 High School.
 Saturday — Confessions 4 to
 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
 MASS SCHEDULE
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30,
 11:45 a.m.
 Monday — 7 p.m., CCD classes
 for Grades 7-12.
 Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass fol-
 lowed by Miraculous Medal No-
 vena.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
 MASS SCHEDULE
 Daily Mass—7 a.m.
 Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30
 and 7:30 Confessions.
 Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m.
 Mass.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
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 "THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"
 Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
 Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
 Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
 Mrs. Richard Orr,
 Church Secretary
 Sunday — 10 a.m. Morning
 worship with sermon: "The Ap-
 proachableness of Christ" and
 Sunday School Classes in Com-
 munity Hall; 6 p.m. The Hill-
 toppers.
 Each Wednesday during Lent
 there will be a brief meditative
 service in the sanctuary begin-
 ning at 7:45 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
 West Springfield, Mass.
 Larry Thornton, Pastor
 Sunday — 11 a.m. Morning
 worship service. Supervised nur-
 sery service available upstairs
 in the church during morning
 service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.

Jr. Women's Club To Meet Feb. 17

President and Guest night will
 be held at the Captain Charles
 Leonard House, Tuesday, the 17th,
 by the Agawam Junior Women's
 Club at 8 p.m. Mrs. Arthur Jar-
 vis, president, will conduct the
 business meeting. Mrs. Robert C.
 Castelli, hostess, will introduce
 Mrs. Ann Goss, Interior Decora-
 tor from the Country Squire as
 guest speaker for the evening.
 Mrs. Albert Magistri is in charge
 of hospitality.
 The club's membership drive
 now under way, invites young
 women, 35 years of age or under
 to join, provided they are resi-
 dents of Agawam. Information
 may be obtained by contacting
 Mrs. Arthur Psholka, member-
 ship chairman.

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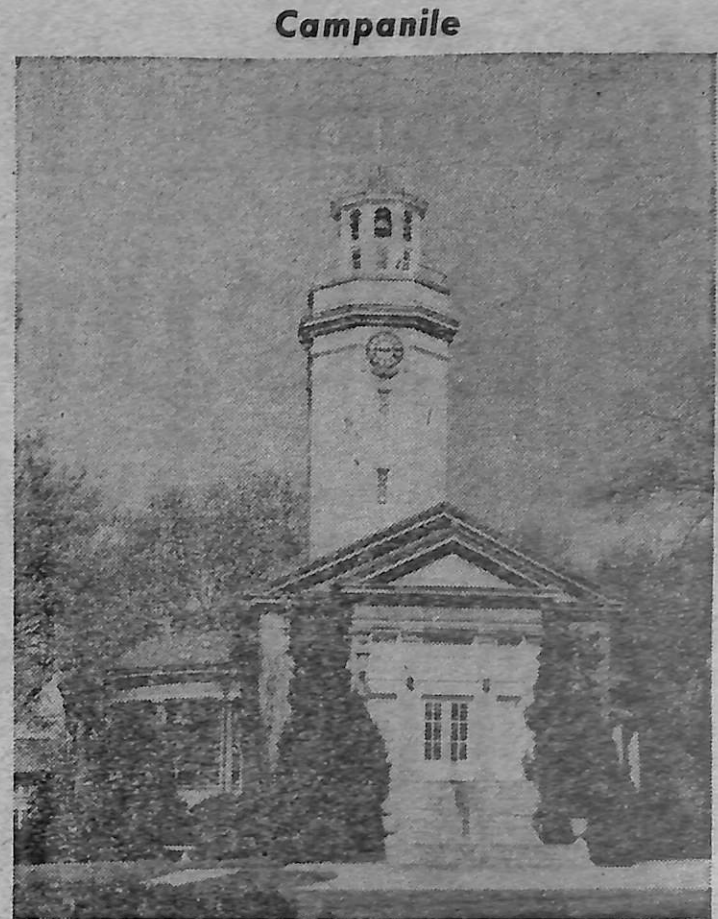
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 erica's leading fraternal service
 organization by compiling an
 outstanding record of community
 service.

Moose civic affairs activities
 are designed for the public good
 and every one of the more than
 2,000 lodges in the Moose Domain
 is encouraged to sponsor com-
 munity service projects which
 will make their communities a
 better place to live and rear
 children.

Dedicated to the betterment of
 humanity, the Moose fraternity
 actively supports national health
 battles. These include the March
 of Dimes, work in behalf of the
 crippled children, muscular dys-
 trophy, heart fund, cancer cru-
 sade, cerebral palsy and others.

In connection with most of
 these fund raising projects, the
 Moose Protectors plan is a
 unique method by which the lodges
 provide protection for volunteer
 workers while they solicit con-
 tributions.

"Youth Honor Day," recog-
 nized in most of the states either
 by executive or legislative action,
 has played an important role in
 the elimination of acts of vandali-
 sm at Halloween. "Operation
 Santa Claus" in which the lodges
 collect toys and distribute them
 to needy children has been re-
 sponsible for providing many a
 child with a "Toyful" Christmas.
 It is estimated that more than a
 million toys are distributed each
 year.

Moose lodges are active in the
 field of traffic safety. A great
 number have sponsored the Moose
 Child Safety Crusade with its
 dramatic car stopping demon-

stration. Many have also spon-
 sored automobile safety check
 lanes, the Moose bicycle safety
 plan and have erected "Protect
 our Children" signs on the na-
 tion's highways.

Benevolent Society To Meet Monday

The Ladies Benevolent Society
 of the Feeding Hills Congrega-
 tional Church will meet on Mon-
 day evening, the 16th, at 8.

The guest speaker will be Mrs.
 Bea Coleman, Material Aid Co-
 ordinator and Referrer for the
 Urban Ministry of the Council of
 Churches. Her topic will be on
 "Our Clothing and Money at
 Work in Springfield."

Hostesses for the evening will
 be Mrs. Sydney Granger, Mrs.
 Richard Taylor and Mrs. Ralph
 Marriott.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Mrs. Lucille
 (Barcomb) Dezielle, wife of
 Woodrow Dezielle of 75 Parker
 St., was held February 9 from
 the Curran-Jones Funeral Home,
 followed by a Requiem High
 Mass in St. John the Evangelist
 Church. Rev. Walter J. Joyce was
 celebrant. Bearers were: John
 Mercandante, David Fabbri,
 Herbert Berard, Norman Pepin,
 Russell Dezielle, and Fay Swartz.
 Burial was in St. Thomas Ceme-
 tery, with Rev. Albert J. Blan-
 chard offering the prayers of
 committal.

The funeral of Mr. Frank A.
 Giedrich, husband of Mary J.
 (Stefanik) Giedrich of 418 Mead-
 ow St., Agawam, was held Sat-
 urday, Jan. 31 from the Curran-
 Jones Funeral Home followed by
 a Requiem High Mass in St. John
 the Evangelist Church. Rev.
 Walter J. Joyce was celebrant.
 Bearers were: George Clark,
 Ernest Asselin, Herman King,
 John Grondahl, James Pate-
 naude, and Jerry Hunneford.
 Burial was in St. Mary's Ceme-
 tery, Westfield. Rev. Thomas F.
 McCarthy offered the prayers of
 committal.

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Now We Understand

I am not sure whether too many of our taxpayers can find time to give their attention to the newly instituted Fee system for building department permits when they are so involved with the proposed real estate assessments for 1970.

However an article recently published in our daily newspaper did nothing more, in my opinion, than excite our citizens without telling the full story. In this article two of our appointed inspectors took exception to the program and went so far as to state that "Bootlegging" would be practiced by builders and homeowners.

Let's try to understand the story as it is and give you the reasons why the Administration of this Town deemed it fair and necessary to charge Fee for Buildings, Plumbing, and Wiring permits.

During the year 1969, the taxpayers of this Town actually spent \$24,029 for Building inspection services. This total includes three inspection departments, travel, a secretary and "all other" expenses. The Electrical inspection group received \$4214 and the Plumbing inspection group \$4465. These amounts were paid for part time service.

In one apartment complex, the Riviera Apartments off River Rd., with 122 apartment units, inspection cost our taxpayers \$1891 for the year 1969. This does not include the office and field time associated with the office of Building Inspector.

For each single family residence constructed in our Town you, the taxpayer, have been asked to contribute \$20 for plumbing inspections and \$17.50 for wiring inspections. These cannot be avoided due to the fact that the law makes them necessary.

I received some phone calls at my home directed to complain about the Fee charges which intimated that this new system was one more added expense that could not be carried. In the light of the above expenses, you will find the very reason why your Selectmen decided that the average taxpayer had certainly paid more than his share to support an inspection program. Why should any of us be asked to contribute such large sums to inspect apartment houses and the newly built homes of speculators? Let at least part of the burden fall upon him who derives the basic benefits. This is a basic tax principle.

We, as Selectmen, were aware that neighboring Towns make similar charges. We were also

aware of the constantly increasing costs of our inspecting services. It was only sensible that we make some attempt to recoup some of this expense and levy a charge directly upon those who were, by law, using these services. The end result will be a net reduction in the cost of managing our Building Department. Do you want to complain about that?

As for "Bootlegging" installations, I am sure there has always been some and there always will be simply because some will always try to evade. Let it be well understood that your Selectmen had no part in writing Building Inspection laws. They do appoint men to enforce them. If you don't want to follow the law and if you don't care about the safety and welfare of yourself and your family, then "Bootleg." If your home burns because of faulty wiring and you haven't had the necessary electrical inspections then it will be your problem to collect your Fire Insurance claims, not ours. If you are an electrician or plumber and you want to jeopardize your license or right to ply your trade in Agawam, then that will be your problem if detected, not ours.

Our Building Department has a system of record keeping surpassed by none. In a matter of seconds, records covering all phases of construction and inspections on all buildings can be disclosed. This is an invaluable service for each new home owner whether he purchases a new home or an older one. Records also aid us in the enforcement of our Zoning Laws and the right of legal occupancy.

It is certainly displeasing to any Administration to read that the men whom they have appointed to help provide this effective service have chosen daily print to express their displeasure and to, in effect, cause questioning concern in the minds of our homeowners. I shall ask you to be alert in comparing our system in this office to that of any other in any other town and then make your own judgement.

Sincerely,

George L. Reynolds, Selectman

Lions Club Sponsor Skating Party Feb. 19,

The Agawam Lions Club is sponsoring a Skating Party on Thursday, the 19th, at the Riverside Rollaway for all children in grades one through six in the Agawam Elementary Schools.

The party will start at 10 in the morning until noon. An admission fee of twenty-five (25) cents per child will be charged with the balance paid by Lions Club.

The children will be welcomed and supervised by club members.

Co-chairmen for this event are Wyly Brame and Nils Noak.

U.S. Rep. Conte . . .

(Continued From Page 1) sity program and the oil import quota system responsible for inflated prices are two programs I have proposed to eliminate," Conte said. "Already this year, \$54.5 million have been knocked out of the foreign aid bill for a squadron of jets for Taiwan.

"President Nixon's new budget calls for more money to be spent on 'human resources' than on defense, which is the first time in 20 years.

"The National Environment Policy Act the President recently signed to control air pollution will focus on the automobile. A joint effort between government and private industry is needed to combat water pollution.

"It is expected that a master plan for a Connecticut River Valley Recreation Area will be worked out with the Interior Department by late spring.

"Some important Nixon programs still to be approved by Congress and put into operation are: the work incentive welfare proposal, a reform of the postal system, postal rate increases, revenue sharing with the status, battling organized crime, consumer protection, mass transit,

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and others."

Senator George D. Hammond and Mayor Frank H. Freedman were present at the affair.

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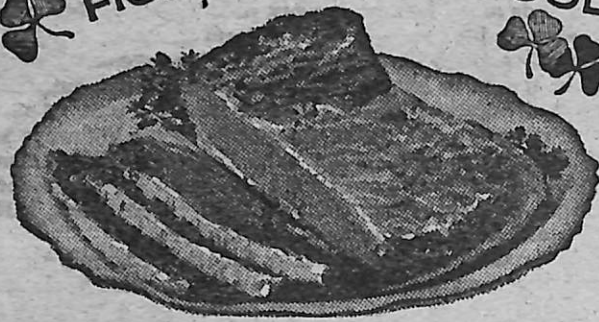
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A Wasted Effort

Several months ago, a large West Coast brewery launched a cleanup project of near monumental proportions. It organized litter removal squads and set them to work picking up all the trash along one of the scenic highways stretching from Portland, Oregon, to the Pacific Coast, some 70 or 80 miles away. Arrangements were made for fleets of trucks to haul off the garbage as it was gathered from the road and adjacent right-of-way. Tons and tons of unsightly trash were removed, and one of the state's scenic highways was restored to its original beauty. But what happened? Drive along this highway today, and you will find the same old dreary isle of trash and garbage—cartons of pop and beer cans, paper plates, half-eaten sandwiches and all the refuse of a slovenly people.

When we talk about improving the environment, one cannot help wondering just what we mean. To what avail is clean air or water to people who have no sense of personal responsibility toward holding up their end of the job of keeping our earth a fit place on which to live. Cleaning up a highway was a good publicity stunt for a beer company. But, it appears to have been a wasted effort in a country whose people seem to want to delegate all responsibility for preserving the environment to government, industry and the other fellow.

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Q. How do I report reimbursement received in 1969 for a medical deduction claimed in 1968?

A. If you have deducted a medical expense in one year and receive reimbursement for that expense in a subsequent year, you must include the reimbursement in your gross income in the year that you receive it.

Q. I have saved my old tax returns for the last twenty years. Now my wife is cleaning out the attic and she wants to throw them out. How long must I keep them?

A. You should keep your records for as long as their contents may be material to your tax obligations. Usually, records which support income and deductions should be kept for a period of three years from the due date of the return. Records pertaining to property transactions should be kept for a much longer period as they may be important if the property is sold or otherwise disposed of.

Q. As a salesman, I am required to use my car for business and am not reimbursed for any of the expenses I incur. I have been a little lax in saving gas receipts this year so I have decided to claim the standard 10c a mile rate. What expenses are included?

A. If you have kept an accurate record of your business mileage in 1969, you may use the Standard Mileage Rate. This method allows 10 cents a mile for the first 15,000 business miles and 7 cents a mile for business mileage exceeding 15,000. The allowance includes gasoline, oil, lubrication, washing, repairs, supplies, tires, insurance, licenses, depreciation, excise tax and interest incurred to purchase the car. Items such as tolls and parking can be claimed in addition to the standard rates.

Q. My savings bank pays dividends instead of interest. How do I report this?

A. Dividends on a savings account should be reported under interest income on Schedule B of your Form 1040.

Q. In 1969, I sold some stock which was inherited from my grandmother several years ago. What should I use as the cost

figure to determine the gain on the sale?

A. The basis of the stock to you is the fair market value of the stock on the date of your grandmother's death. Unless your grandmother's estate was over \$60,000 whereby a Federal Estate Tax Return would have been involved, in which case the basis of your inherited stock would be the value used for estate tax purposes. If an Estate Tax Return was involved, this information would be available from the executor or administrator of the estate.

Q. During the past year, I held two jobs simultaneously. I went directly from work each afternoon to my second job. One of the fellows in work tells me that

this travel is deductible. Is this true?

A. Yes, you may deduct the cost of going from your first job to your second job. You may either deduct ten or seven cents per mile by using the Standard Mileage Rate or deduct the applicable business percentage of the actual expenses incurred.

Q. Where can I get one of those books published by the Federal Government which explain the income tax rules?

A. The booklet entitled "Your Federal Income Tax", may be obtained from your local I.R.S. office at a cost of 60 cents.

The possibility of your getting all 13 cards of the suit, a perfect bridge hand, is one in 635,013,599,599.

Food for Thought

By Mary Lee

With food prices what they are, it might be neat to start the New Year with a plan that makes good "cents." Even if you don't exactly have to count pennies, it's nice to have a few extra for special events.

Most of the wise shoppers we know have a plan they follow to keep the budget on the straight and narrow. The eight budget-savers listed here are typical.

1. It's a good habit to check your local newspapers for money-saving specials then plan your menus around them.

2. Before you start to shop, plan menus completely, too. If you jot down items by departments as they're stocked in the store you'll also save time and energy.

3. But take time to read labels and compare grades, sizes, brands. They can be the key to added savings. For example, use canned whole fruits for salads and cut up varieties for a baked dessert.

4. Consider ready-to-heat foods, too. Some cost less than those made at home. Canned soups are a case in point and look at the time they save, too.

5. Cook with evaporated or instant nonfat dry milk. Both supply the same important nutrients

as whole milk but at a big saving. Also they taste equally good in puddings, gravies, white sauces.

6. When you compare prices of meats and poultry remember to discount the bones. A rule of thumb is four servings from a pound of boneless meat; two servings from a pound with bone in it.

7. Think of bacon as an extender as well as a breakfast dish. Add a few slices cooked and diced to scrambled eggs, potato salad, macaroni, other leftovers to give them more protein and flavor.

8. Be creative with leftovers, canned foods or sale-priced items. For instance, mix left-over vegetables and sea food with condensed vegetable soup and stewed tomatoes for a quick gumbo. Or add leftover ham or sausage to a can of beans in tomato sauce for a one-dish meal.

Canned salmon stirred into left-over mashed potatoes with a bit of grated onion makes great "pancakes." Just pat into shape, brown, and serve.

Canned ripe olives are fine for making leftovers seem elegant, too. Slice them in spaghetti, noodles, soleslaw, casseroles, and salads.

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STATE OF THE STATE

by Governor Francis W. Sargent

A MONTHLY REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

February 25 is a day of great importance to every citizen of Massachusetts.

On that day is scheduled a Joint Constitutional Convention, meaning a gathering of both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate, to debate and ultimately vote on the question of whether certain matters should be placed before the people of this state as referendum questions on the 1970 election ballot in November.

I have particular reference to the question of whether the voters should have the chance to express their opinion on the question of reducing the size of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

I hold the view the House should be reduced—and I will explain why.

But regardless of that view, I hold the over-riding view that the people of this Commonwealth, should be given the right to express their view in this matter.

Some would deny them that right.

"...I hold the over-riding view that the people of this Commonwealth should be given the right to express THEIR view..."

I can understand disagreement with my view that the House should be cut. I cannot understand disagreement with my view that the people have a right to be heard.

The facts, of course, are that there are some who fear the final judgement of the voters, fear, that is, that the voters will approve reduction of the size of the House, and therefore want no part of an expression by the citizenry by a referendum question.

I believe the people must have the right to be heard and anyone who fears what they say fears the Democratic process itself because, ultimately, he fears the expression of the people.

If those who share my view prevail, and if the question of reducing the size of the House goes on the ballot this Fall, I believe the voters should favor reduction of the House.

I see this as no partisan issue—for, indeed, should the House be reduced, members of both parties will be ultimately removed from office by that reduction.

I see it instead as a simple case of making the government of this Commonwealth more efficient, more responsive, more effective.

Massachusetts has the second largest House of Representatives in America,

exceeded only by New Hampshire. California, with triple our population, has only 80 members of its lower House compared to 240 here in Massachusetts. New York, also with a population more than triple our own, has a lower House of 150. Illinois has 177, Connecticut 177, Vermont, 150.

I support the plan to reduce our present 240 membership House to one comprised of 160—a cut of 80 members.

Our present House costs us more than \$8-1/2 million, about a third of what we're spending to run all 11 of our State Colleges. That price-tag includes over \$1 million for doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, general court officers, and pages—more than 90 permanent positions.

A smaller House could liberate money for professional staffing of the remaining lawmakers.

Skilled, specialized, professional men and women could be hired by individual legislators to provide them with the kind of research and study material they should have to do their jobs effectively.

A smaller House will, in my view, attract better candidates for the House. Further, it is my belief that fewer legislators will result in an electorate better informed on the identity of their elected representatives—as is certainly not the case today. And that, in turn, will bring greater public confidence to the Legislature as a whole, for the voters will more favorably regard men and women they know than a faceless group of men and women they do not know.

A smaller House will be a more effective House, one more able to respond quickly to the need of the people, one more efficient in handling the public's business.

I think it axiomatic that if 160 rather than 240 people are involved in a process, that process moves more efficiently.

I say again: Watch the vote February 25 and urge your legislator to vote in favor of permitting you to speak out on the House cut question this November.

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Carousel Teen Center Grand Opening Monday With Dance

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Dept. with the cooperation of the newly organized A.C.O. and Lucky Barile, owner of the Carosel, announces the opening of the Carosel Teen Center. The lounge will be in the rear of the Carosel with the entire building opened for big concerts and dances, twice monthly.

The first big rock concert and dance will be held during the school vacation Monday night, Feb. 16th, from 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. The featured band will be the Bone Marrow from Enfield, Conn.

This dance, as all functions in the teen center, is planned and completely run by the Y.A.C. under the adult supervision of John Kunasek, Agawam P.P.&R.; Ronald Niziankiewicz, Agawam A.C.O., and Lucky Barile, owner of the Carosel.

All proceeds from this dance will go back into the construction and equipping of the lounge.

All big functions of the Y.A.C. will be open to the public with the lounge open to Agawam youths only, between the ages of 14-19, by membership cards only, at a small yearly fee. The hours for the lounge will be announced shortly.

Statement: This teen lounge has been badly needed by the teen population of Agawam. It will give the youths a place to go in the evenings and weekends to express themselves, away from any of the business concerns in town and off the streets.

There is still a great deal of work to be done in the lounge. As soon as the youth comm. feels ready, there will be an open house for all to see just what can be done by the youths of Agawam.

The lounge is in great need of serviceable chairs and equipment. Anyone who wishes to donate articles for this worthy cause are asked to contact Joey Della Guistina, Bruce Holden or Mr. Barile at the Carosel.

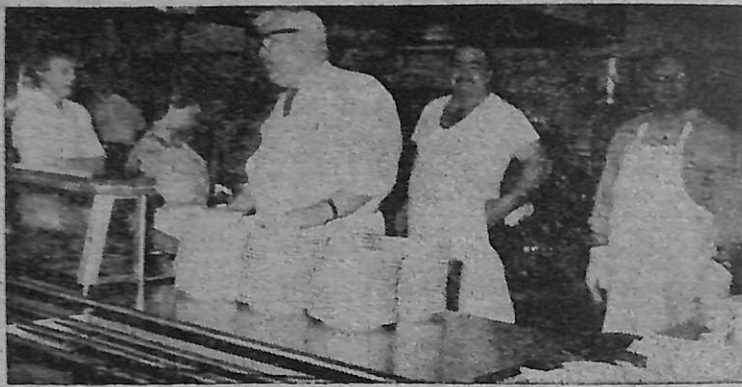
Any adult who would like to help supervise during the open hours especially the nights of the dances are asked to contact the Park and Recreation Dept. at the Senior Citizens Center.

To make this Teen Center a big success.

Your help is needed not your criticism.

John Kunasek, director Agawam P.P.&R.; Laurence O'Connell, chairman, P.P.&R.; Richard Lucky Barile, owner.

UNICO Dinner Cooking Team



Anticipates Record Turnout

Nicholas R. Chechile, chairman of the ninth annual UNICO macaroni family dinner to be held from 4:30 to 8 p.m., Feb. 26, at the Agawam Junior High School announced today that after meeting with committee chairmen this week, all is progressing satisfactorily for the dinner.

Al Malone, food procurement chairman, noted that the following has been ordered for the dinner:

14 cases of ziti macaroni; 165 lbs. beef; 35 lbs. pork; 30 lbs. veal; 265 lbs. salad; 200 loaves of bread; 115 doz. cookies; 30 doz. eggs; 40 gals. coffee; 1200 slices of ice cream and 600 cartons of milk.

Ticket chairman, Paul D'Amato, reported a brisk sale of advanced tickets and they may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO.

Youth Group Flower Show Saturday

This Saturday, the 14th, the members of the Youth Fellowship of St. David's Episcopal Church, will sponsor a Flower Show in the parish hall at 522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The theme of the flower show will be Valentine's Day and there will be varied and colorful floral designs. Among the displays will be a ferris wheel containing baskets of flowers — a wishing well and a garden scene with waterfall. A variety of plants will be available to the winter. The hours of the show are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the Fellowship will serve tea and cookies during the period of the show. The public is cordially invited.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of **MOSES HEIMAN** late of Agawam, in said County, deceased. The executor of the will of said **MOSES HEIMAN** has presented to said Court for allowance his first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of March 1970, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **ABRAHAM I. SMITH**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of January 1970.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
(Jan. 29, Feb. 5-12)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden, ss. September 23, 1969
LEVY ON AN EXECUTION

By virtue of an execution which has been issued on a judgment recovered in the Superior Court of Springfield, holden at Springfield in County of Hampden, on the twenty-fifth day of August, 1969, in favor of Harvey Greenbaum, d/b/a Springfield Floor and Wall Covering of Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, against William St. John of 28 William Street, Agawam (Feeding Hills), Hampden County, Massachusetts, I this day at 8:00 in the forenoon have levied and taken all the right, title and interest which the said William St. John had in and to the following described real estate, on the eighteenth day of October, 1968, Book 3374, Page 515, being the time and date the same was attached on mesne process:

The land with the buildings thereon located in Agawam, (Feeding Hills), Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel 1. A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon beginning at a point distant about one hundred fifteen feet (115) from the southerly line of Springfield Street, said point being the northwesterly corner of lot 26 on plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of plans 2, page 158, said lot 26 being lot #32 (thirty-two) on plan of lots called Avondale Park recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 4, page 45, and running thence southerly along the westerly end of said lot 26 fifty (50) feet; thence westerly parallel with the southerly line of a tract on said plan first mentioned marked C, one hundred twenty-six (126) feet to the easterly side of Poplar Street; thence northeasterly along the easterly line of Poplar Street to the southerly corner of said tract C; thence easterly along the southerly line tract C, ninety (90) feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2. Lot #32 (thirty-two) as shown on plan of lots called Avondale Park recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 4, page 45, to which plan and record thereof reference is hereby made for a more particular description, said lot #32 being shown as lot 26 on plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, book of plans 2, page 158. Subject to restrictions of record, if now in force.

Parcel 3. Certain real estate situated in said Agawam, to wit: Lot No. 31 (thirty-one) Avondale Park, Agawam, Massachusetts, as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 4, Page 45, to which plan and record reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same premises conveyed to Manser Assod and Josephine Assod by deed of Horace Rice dated October 10, 1925, and recorded in said Registry, Book 1297, Page 85.

And on the 27th day of February A.D. 1970, at 10:15 in the forenoon on the Hampden County Superior Court house steps, Elm Street side, in Springfield, in Hampden County, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest the said WILLIAM ST. JOHN had in and to the above described real estate to satisfy said Execution and all charges and fees of sale.

JOHN J. BODUCH
Deputy Sheriff & Auctioneer
(Feb. 5-12-19)

Camping And Outdoor Show Feb. 27, 28, March 1 At Big E

The 1970 eighth annual Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show produced by N.A.F.C.A. (North American Family Campers Assoc.) Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 will be held Feb. 27, 28th and Mar. 1st at the Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass. Fred and Fran Serra of Agawam, are serving as co-chairmen of the 1970 show. The purpose of the show is to acquaint more people with the benefits and advantages of family camping.

The camping show, devoted exclusively to camping, is the largest in the United States. Every foot of the 123,000 square feet of floor space of the Better Living Center will be utilized by 125 exhibitors. Dealers and suppliers will display the latest in camping vehicles and equipment. There literature available on camp grounds located in the northeast section of the United States. There will be displays and exhibits on conservation and information regarding this.

Trestle Board Club To Meet Feb. 19

The Trestle Board Club of Agawam will hold their February meeting, Thursday evening, the 19th, at 6:30 in the parish hall of the Agawam Congregational Church. Mr. David Skolnick, president, will conduct the business meeting.

"Lefty" Keough, Chief Probation Officer of the Springfield District Court, will speak on the subject: "Parents Should Go on a Diet."

The diet he speaks about is NOT food — so attend the meeting and find out what this diet really is—Mr. Skolnick is sure you will appreciate what he has to offer you.

Reservations may be made with Robert Shields, treasurer, at 736-1573, by Tuesday evening.

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Featured in the 1970 show will be Children's Day on Friday, Feb. 27th. A complete junior tenting outfit will be awarded as a major prize to some lucky boy or girl. There will be special entertainment throughout the show for the children.

The Hosaga Indians of Springfield College, Clowns and Smokey the Bear promises to be on hand. Noted outdoorsman, Maine guide and writer, Bill Riviere will be at the show again this year demonstrating and explaining camping equipment and techniques.

There will be many door prizes as well as three major prizes. The major prizes will be 1. Travel Trailer; 2. Tent Trailer with accessories; 3. Tent with accessories.

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Humiston of 143 Manor Ct., Springfield, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Christopher Guy, born Sunday night, Feb. 8th, in the Wesson Maternity Hospital. Mrs. Humiston is the former Patricia Meunier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Meunier of River Rd., Agawam. Mr. Humiston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow A. Humiston of 70 Hall St., Feeding Hills.

The Agawam Golden Age Club will hold a card party Monday afternoon at 1:45 in the Captain Leonard House, Main St., Agawam. These card parties will be held every Monday until further notice. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon the 25th.

'Miss Colleen' Contest Winner To Be On Jaycee Parade Float

Charles Brantley of the Agawam Jaycees announced today that the girl chosen "Miss Colleen" during "A Bit of Old Ireland" musical show, sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Guild, will preside over the Jaycee float in the Holyoke parade on the following Sunday. The girls finishing first and second runnersup will also be on the float.

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday to register for the Colleen contest. The contest is open to all single girls residing in Agawam, 15-22 years of age; girls will be judged on poise and personality. There will be no talent contest. Girls will also be asked one question which she will choose from the MC. Girls wishing to enter the contest should be present in St. John's Hall next Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.

The Colleen will receive American Beauty roses, a tiara, a trophy, and many additional gifts; every girl entered in the contest will receive a gift. Miss Congeniality will be named the same night of the show.

Heart Attack Target

The man who is 25 to 64 is the number one target for heart attack, says the Massachusetts Heart Association.

Medical scientists have sharply cut the death rates from stroke and heart disease caused by high blood pressure in that age group. But the heart-attack death rate continues to climb.

While researchers are seeking more and better controls, the man 25 to 64 can reduce the risk of heart attack by taking these simple steps:

- Eat foods low in saturated fats and cholesterol.
- Stop smoking cigarettes.
- Reduce if overweight.
- Exercise, moderately, regularly.
- Control high blood pressure.
- See your doctor periodically.

February 8, 1802 — Simon Willard received a patent on a banjo clock.

SOCIAL SECURITY WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Now that the Social Security Administration has over 800 offices throughout the country, it's more convenient than ever to apply for social security benefits.

It's not difficult to find the address of your nearest social security office. Look in the telephone directory under the heading "Social Security Administration" or "U. S. Government." If there is no office listed in your community your local postmaster should be able to tell you where the nearest one is located.

If you are too sick to come into the office, they will send a representative to your home or even to a hospital.

If you are planning to retire, get in touch with your social security office ahead of time so that your checks can begin promptly.

Because of poor health, unemployment, or for personal reasons, you may want to retire before you are 65. Retirement benefits are payable as early as age 62, but in a reduced amount to take account of the longer period over which payments will be made. If you are considering the possibility of early retirement, your social security office will give you information to help you make a decision. If you decide to go on working, you should get in touch with your social security office during the 3 months before your 65th birthday — even if you do not have any retirement plans.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The number of deer being killed by dogs in Vermont has reached such astronomical proportions that the Vermont General Assembly enacted into law a stronger Dog-Bill to cope with the perennial inhumane and serious, wasted deer problem.

Number of deers are still dying on Vermont hillsides and in the swamps as they continue to be harassed, mauled and left to die when free roaming, well-fed dogs pursue them in their winter yards. Dogs harassing deer henceforth may be shot by wardens from Dec. 1 through the following month of May.

Wardens do not enjoy this extra chore and it is time consuming, hard work. Actually, wardens would like to be able to identify the offending dog and notify the owner, but seldom can they get close enough, they have to take long range action.

MAINE PROBLEM

Warden and biologist reports indicate that the deer kill by dogs is rapidly overtaking the kill of the animals by motor vehicles, according to the Maine Fish & Game Dept.

In the current reporting period, figures compiled by the I&E Div., show that of 130 deer killed, dogs attributed for 43, and bobcats three, against 51 by vehicles. Of the total, 60 bucks were killed and 70 does. Trains accounted for

three, and there were 14 cases of deer getting out on ice and not being able to make it back safely. Only nine were reported killed illegally.

In the Dec. reporting period, I & E figures showed that of the 132 deer killed, 89 were killed by motor vehicles, dogs accounted for just seven, vehicles account-



Mario Sakellis,
Executive Director

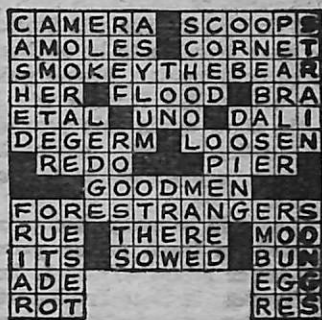
Friday—Junior High School dance at South School from 7:30-10 p.m.; Family Night Swimming at the West Springfield YMCA from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday—Ski lessons from 9-12 at Paucatuck Park... bus picks up the children at 8 a.m.; gym classes at the Agawam High School from 10-12 noon; Candy Mint Drive starts at the High School. Candy will be passed out at 11:30 for boys and girls who have returned their permission slips.

Monday—The Junior Leaders Club will attend an all day training session at the Westfield "Y".

Thursday—Board of Directors meeting at 8 p.m.

There's a fellow who got so rich betting on the Democrats that now he's a Republican.



ed for 163 in November.

CAN WE BELIEVE

A fresh statement of policy by the Nixon Adm., expressing opposition to firearms registration, has been issued through a high-ranking U.S. Treasury Dept. official.

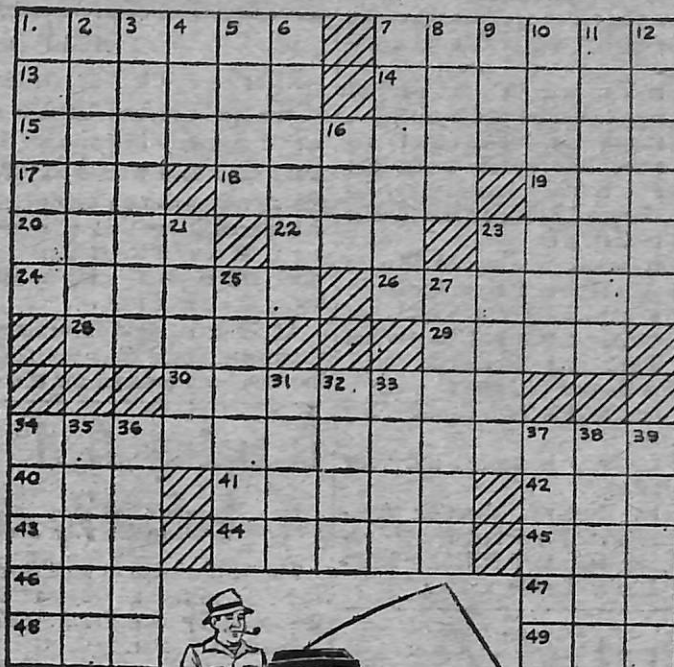
The statement was made in response to a resolution addressed to the President by the Amarillo, Texas, City Commission in opposition to "any gun registration law or other infringement upon the people's right to keep and

bear arms as set forth in the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States."

Paul W. Eggers, General Counsel of the Treasury Dept., replied by letter to Mayor J. Ernest Stroud, of Amarillo, sponsor of the resolution, as follows:

"This Administration is opposed to legislation which would provide for the registration of firearms. It is the view of the Treasury Dept., that no additional restrictive firearms legislation should be enacted."

Sportsword Puzzle By Jack Luzzatto



ACROSS

1. Shoot your catch with it.
7. Containers to bail water.
13. Soap plants.
14. Brass-band instrument.
15. He says: "Don't make forest fires!"
17. Feminine pronoun.
18. High tide.
19. Feminine garment.
20. And others: Abbr.
22. One, in Spanish.
23. Surrealist artist.

24. Remove seed from wheat.
26. Relax a knot.
28. Make over.
29. Wharf to fish off.
30. Twelve — and true (jury).
34. Uncle Sam's woodsmen (2 wds.).
40. Regret.
41. In that place.
42. Bawl like a cow.
43. Impersonal possessive.
44. Planted seeds.
45. Small cake.
46. Cool drink.

47. What roe is.
48. Decay.
49. Thing, in law.

11. Diver for valuable oysters.
12. Put stress on.
16. Big weight.
21. Reef.
23. Performing.
25. Perches.
27. Started the game.
31. Holy Roman emperor.
32. Towed.
33. Big filly.
34. Monk.
35. Excel.
36. Readjusted.
37. Campfire coal to extinguish.
38. Cosmetic red.
39. Tunes.

Karate Contestant



Scott Skolnick, a sophomore and honor student at Agawam High School, will participate in the 6th annual All American Open Championship Tournament at the Madison Square Garden in New York City on Sunday, March 8th.

The sportcasters call this Karate Championships the focal point of American Karate since it is an open invitational tournament.

Scott came in third in the Isshin-Ryu Open Championship Tournament last August at the Eastern States Exposition coliseum.

He has been trained by Sensei Donald Lacerasse at the Henry Jay School of Karate in Holyoke.

Anyone interested in attending the championships can purchase tickets at the Madison Square Garden Box Offices the day of the contest at \$8.00, \$6.00 and \$4.00.

Best wishes, Scott, and good luck.

His advancement was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and his score on the Coast Guard-wide test for promotion.

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N/PO-2C F. E. REYNOLDS AT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (FHTNC) — Navy Petty Officer Second Class Frederick E. Reynolds, Jr., of 47 Elm St., Agawam, is serving at the Headquarters of the U. S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

LT. COMDR. KEITH AT NAVAL OCS
NEWPORT, R. I. (FHTNC) — Navy Lieut. Comdr. John F. Keith, son of Mrs. Nellie A. Keith of 23 Riviera Drive, Agawam, is serving at Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, R. I.

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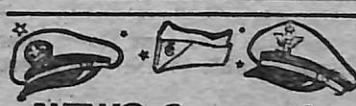
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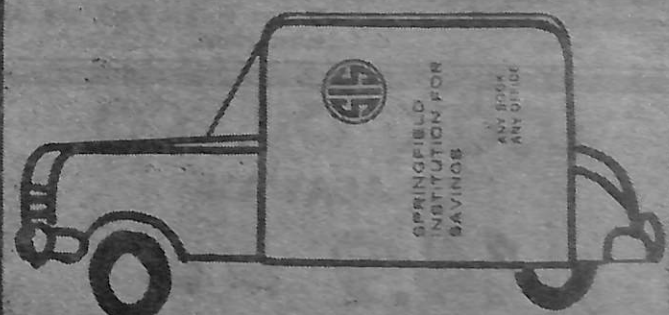


NEWS from the Services

GEDNEY, JR. ABOARD ICEBREAKER

USCGC SOUTHWIND (FHT-NC)—Coast Guard Seaman John V. H. Gedney, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. H. Gedney, Sr. of 108 Reed St., Agawam, was advanced to his present rate while serving aboard the Coast Guard Icebreaker Southwick homeported in Baltimore, Md.

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SQUARE DANCE



Lindy and Dick Davis

A Mardi Gras Masquerade Dance will be held by the Agawam Promenaders at 8 p.m., Feb. 13th, in the auditorium of the Robinson Park School. Square dancers from other clubs are welcome.

Al Bessette of Walnut St., will be calling the dances and refreshments will be served by Lorraine and Joe Gasperini.

Costumes are optional, and door prizes will be awarded, according to Al and Elaine Taupier, chairmen of this event.



COLLEGE NEWS

VALERIE LABUN CITED FOR SCHOLARLY DISTINCTION

Miss Valerie Labun, a sophomore at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, has received the faculty citation for scholarly distinction on the basis of her academic performance throughout the Fall Term of the current school year.

Miss Labun is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Labun, 82 Kensington St., Feeding Hills.

ORR ON DEAN'S LIST

Gregory J. Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Orr, Jr., of School St., Agawam, was named to the Dean's List at Amherst College for the first semester. He is a sophomore majoring in political science.

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We heard the plane's wheels screech on the concrete runway and peered up at the immense mountain range ringing the small airport. It was as if we had slipped into a hangar cut into the mountains, which loomed much more imposing from the ground than they had from the air. This was Jackson airport — 40 minutes flying time from Salt Lake City — the portal most used by skiers arriving to test the thrills of one of the most impressive ski areas in the world, Jackson Hole in Wyoming's Grand Tetons.

You fly into Jackson Hole or you elect a long auto ride — Salt Lake City, 270 miles in the distance, is the closest major city — or you come by train to Rock Springs, 178 miles away, and then by bus to Jackson. Most skiers fly in, making Jackson Hole the world's first major ski area to rely largely on air travel for its customers.

With luggage and ski equipment secured on the taxi's roof rack, eastern ski instructor Mike Bannon and I settled back for the 22-mile ride into Teton Village where accommodations awaited us in the Seven Levels Inn one of the area's 6 attractive alpine motif lodges.

Time goes swiftly when you're in good ski country, and we were eager not to waste any of it. It was the lunch hour, so after settling in we looked up Pepi Stiegler, Austria's gold medal winner in the slalom at the winter Olympics at Innsbruck, who serves as ski school director. Reared skiing in his country's mighty Alps, Pepi has easily made the transition to Jackson Hole, where he promised that superb skiing awaited us. With that send-off, we trudged the short distance to the tram, a 65-passenger aerial car which took us whizzing along 2½ miles of cable in 8 minutes to imposing Rendezvous Peak — a vertical ascent of 4135 feet.

Mike and I were using Fischer Superglass skies with Marker Simplex DL toe-Rotamat heel binding systems. As eager as we were to begin the descent, we were forced to pause and admire this beautiful mountain. Wide slopes, narrow ridges, bowls of deep powder, natural draws and twisting trails. To our left was the lesser mountain, Apres Vous Peak, itself imposing with 2100 vertical feet of skiing and reached by a tandem chair lift. Jackson Hole spread itself out before us like a feast.

"Let's go," Mike said, "We'll be standing here all day." Down we went, shooting through Rendezvous Bowl with deep powder plowing up lightly over our skis and against our knees. We came into lower Gros Ventre and then swooped down through the upper edge of Laramie Bowl and into the glades, twisting in and out the pine trees through more deep powder. (Glades skiing requires that you pick out a good line of descent. A flexible ski like the Superglass is perfect for this type of skiing — just stay back on them, keep the tips up and stay with soft, rhythmic motions for your turning power.) We kept close to the fall line, making easy, graceful turns and regaining our rhythm as we swept our way down what seemed to be an endless run.

We were exhausted from the first run but went right up in the tram and from the top put together different linkages to the bottom. With the mountain's more than 55 miles of ski-way, you could ski for a long time without taking the same run twice.

For the day's last run, we used the lifts to Apres Vous and were delighted to find carefully packed intermediate trails and some really challenging expert stretches. As we relaxed that evening, Mike said it all about Jackson Hole. "The 270 miles by car from Salt Lake City wouldn't be bad, but after this kind of workout, who in the world could make it back."



Steve Sherlock

Need a quick dessert? Pour canned applesauce into a buttered pie plate. Sprinkle with macaroon crumbs and a dash of cinnamon. Bake until bubbly brown, and serve warm with a splash of cream.

A farmer tells about a game played by chickens. They line up alongside a road and wait for a speeding car. Then they all dash across in front of it. Last one across is called a high school student.

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My Beat — A.H.S.

By Joseph Della-Giustina, Jr.

Among 1,200 students, Thomas Gentile, a junior, and Jon Reske, a sophomore, represented Agawam High School at the fifth annual Young Adult Conference of Birth Defects.

The conference was held at Boston University's Hayden Hall. It was co-sponsored by the University's Sargent College of Allied Health Professions and of the National Foundation March of Dimes. The National Foundation's Educational program was to inform future parents about many causes of birth defects, this nation's greatest childhood health menace.

Recently the Student Council which represents the entire Student Body was given the authority by the School Committee to be represented by three delegates from the student body at every school committee meeting. To my knowledge, they were given this authority in October and have represented us twice in four months. Also, the Student Council went to the Board to revise the dress code which the Board did.

The School Committee has bent over backwards for us students and it's about time we gave them some recognition for all they have done.

If students present their problems to the Agawam School Committee, I'm sure they would help in any way they could. If you have ever attended a School Committee meeting, you must be familiar with all the breaks they have given us.

The legal requirement that employers not discriminate in favor of one sex over the other in filling positions, supposedly resulted in the following no discrimination ad in a western newspaper:

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On Feb. 16, Monday of our winter school vacation, a teen dance will be held at the Carousel Roller Rink on Ramar Cir., Agawam. The dance featuring the BONE MARROW, a well known group from Conn., will step in Agawam. The proceeds from the dance will go toward the expenses of our Teen Center. The dance will be from 8-12 p.m. with a donation of \$1.50. This is the BLAST OFF for the Agawam Teen Center. PLEASE SUPPORT US!! The dance is sponsored by Agawam Teens.

HOCKEY TEAM

Today the Agawam Hockey Team plays Chicopee Comp. at the coliseum at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Westfield plays Agawam at 8 p.m. in the coliseum.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Today Agawam Basketball Team plays Cathedral at Agawam High School at 8 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Agawam Minnechaug plays at 8 p.m. at Agawam High's Gym.

CAREER CONFERENCES

Mr. Skolnick, Guidance Director at Agawam High School, announced that on Feb. 14, Saturday, at 8 a.m., an exam, National Merit Scholarship, will be given to college bound Juniors in the High School Cafeteria. Good Luck!!

Coming Events: Tentative date, Feb. 16, for Valentine's Dance at Carousel Roller Skating Rink to raise money for the Teen Center. The Bone Marrow Group will provide the music.



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V.F.W. Post 1632 Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

A meeting of Work Study Group No. 5 was held Feb. 6, at the VA Hospital with volunteers coming from as far away as Greenfield. William Tully, Director of Voluntary Services announced a meeting of ALL groups on Tuesday, the 10th of Feb. Leader of Group No. 5, James Madison announced another meeting for Group No. 5 to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Staff Room. Volunteers are still needed for

Feb. 24th BEANO to be held at Holyoke Soldiers Home at 7 p.m. Can you give one night out of your life after they have given so much?

Happy Birthdays to Gus Hock-er on Feb. 14, (some Valentine) and to Lynn Meyers on Feb. 19th —Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. David Gallano on the 14th and to the Pearl Harbor Veterans Post No. 1 Inc. on Feb. 27th on their fourth.

Stage/West To Present 'Flying Prince' Feb. 18-19

The Flying Prince, a play for children by Aurand Harris will be presented by the Stage/West Apprentice Program on Feb. 18 and 19, at 1:30 p.m.

The Flying Prince is an enchanting childrens play set in ancient India. It tells of a young princess who is kidnapped as she journeys to her wedding and the brave prince who rescues her.

Among the cast, under the direction of Harry Watson, are Pamela Evens, Manorama; Elizabeth Purcell, Lalita; Gary Bond, Badri; Glen Lane, Pandu; Gary Parks, Vikram; and Thom Caron, Archarya. The chess members are Brenda Algar, assistant director;

Claire Lyons, stage manager; Brenda Algar, property head; Debbie Andwood, wardrobe mistress; Charles Gilbert, set designer and technician; and Adele Janisieski, publicity.

Tickets for The Flying Prince are on sale at the Stage/West box office for \$1.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children, and \$1 each for groups of 25 or more. For further information or reservations call the Stage/West box office at 736-7092.

February 16, 1857 — First school for higher education of the deaf, National Mute College, was opened.

Teen Center To Open

The grand opening of the Carousel Teen Center will be on Monday evening, Feb. 16th, at 8 with a dance with the BONE MARROW group of Windsor Locks providing the music. This center is sponsored by the Parks and Playgrounds.

The BONE MARROW has five members, Bob Flick, drums; Ladd Gurley, bass guitar and group advisor; Herb Davidson, lead guitar; Craig Gray, organ; and Tim Beebe, singer.

All of these boys have, at one time or another, played with other bands since their early teen age days. In January of 1969, they had their first business meeting at which time they set their aims and goals. They want to be recognized internationally as a performing and recording group.

Under the leadership of Bob Flick, they studied and practiced for seven months before they played their first job. The Bone Marrow have had one or two week-ends that were not booked

on both Friday and Saturday since mid-September. They have played at such places as Our Lady of Elms College, Suffield Academy, Teen Center of Thompsonville, Knights of Columbus of Windsor Locks, Conn. etc.

This dance is opened to the public with tickets to be sold at the door for \$1.50.

The guy with money to burn soon meets his match.

IN 1970, LIVE A LITTLE FOR OTHERS

The old year of 1969 is gone, never to return, but our acts and deeds, of omission or commission, are written in the scroll of time and reflect our success or failure.

The New Year of 1970 is beginning with clean, blank pages on which will be inscribed the results of our aspirations, our hopes and ambitions. May they be worthy of the opportunities which are given us.

We are all inclined to be more or less selfish in our daily striving. It is the human element, the personal equation which we deem so important. Living for self alone may be the means of acquiring much of the world's goods and gold, but these things, apparently so vital, are evanescent and are NOT guaranteed to bring happiness.

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Care in Veterans Administration hospitals may be extended to veterans of all wars and to peacetime veterans under certain conditions, according to the VA.

Priority on admission to hospitals goes first to veterans who require treatment for service-connected conditions, the VA said. Second priority is for those who have service-connected disabilities but require treatment for conditions that are not service connected.

A veteran without a service-connected disability may be admitted provided he served in any war or after June 27, 1950, or received the Medal of Honor during peacetime service.

The VA pointed out that admission of these patients is contingent upon these considerations: (1) hospitalization must be necessary, (2) the patient must state in writing that he is unable to defray the cost of the necessary hospitalization elsewhere, and (3) an appropriate hospital bed must be available.

Outpatient care for nonservice-connected conditions is not permitted by law, the VA said, but certain prehospital and post-hospital medical services can be performed for patients who are scheduled for admission to a VA hospital or for those who require followup care after hospitalization. The intent of this law, the VA said, is to shorten periods of actual hospitalization while providing the same medical care.

Patients who have received maximum hospital benefit yet requiring nursing care may be furnished this care in either a VA facility or a private nursing home.

Veterans disabled by age or disease who do not need hospitalization or skilled nursing care may be admitted to VA domiciliarys on an ambulatory, self-care basis under approximately the same rules as for hospitalization.

Application may be made by the veteran or in behalf of the veteran at any VA office.

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Your doctor can find out if you are infected with TB germs by

Seek out those less fortunate and lend a helping hand. A kind word of encouragement to one, an interest in the problems of another may bring you more happiness than given. A little service here and there makes a barren life less bare. May the LORD preserve you and yours during the coming year. TB/adb.

giving you a tuberculin test. And he can give you the results in a matter of days.

Don't be surprised this year at your medical checkup if your doctor asks you about another matter that affects the condition of your lungs — smoking. More and more doctors these days are asking their patients about their smoking habits. According to a recent national survey, 88 percent of doctors advise their patients who have lung conditions to stop smoking. And 37 percent of doctors in general practice advise all or almost all of their patients to quit smoking.

Annual medical checkups and a resolve to quit smoking are two essentials to be sure your lungs are working the way they should.

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